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### AGAWAM MOTOR LODGE

## Lawsuit: Fix motel or shut it down

*Violations persist, say town officials, and long-term lodgers are illegal*

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Town officials want everyone out of the Agawam Motor Lodge while the owner remedies several violations of building, fire, health and zoning codes — or they want it demolished.

Those are the terms of a six-count complaint that the town filed Friday in Western District Housing Court against CH Corp., which owns the 23 Suffield St. motel. Also named in the lawsuit are Chulho Yoo and Sangyeon Yoo of Agawam, listed as owners, and Reina Medina, the occupant manager, along with 24 other identified occupants of the building.

In addition to the violations discovered during building, fire and health inspections last month, the town is now also alleging that the structure is unsafe, and that it is operating illegally as a lodging house. The lawsuit says the motel is now serving a non-transient population, but is only permitted to host temporary guests, for terms of fewer than 30 days.

Chulho Yoo's attorney, Gerard DiSanti of West Springfield, says his client is trying his best to work with the town and reach a resolution.

"My client has hired a contractor as a result of the violations

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### SCHOOL STREET PARK

## Night Out is back in

*Public safety agencies organizing free fun, demonstrations for Tuesday night*

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The Agawam Police Department is again sponsoring an annual community event known as National Night Out that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

Agawam's third Night Out — a free, fun and informative public event — will be held Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at School Street Park. Comparable to an old-fashioned neighborhood block party, National Night Out features crime prevention

information, demonstrations by public safety agencies along with music, food and festivities.

Members of Agawam's Police and Fire departments will be at Night Out to talk with residents as will representatives from the state police, Agawam and Massachusetts emergency management agencies, several military branches, and the U.S. Marshal's Office.

Representatives from several local businesses that focus on home security and general public safety also will be available to

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Perry Lane Camp offers Agawam youth fun on land and water. Earlier this week, Isabella Spaulding, 7, comes down the water slide, while Dejawn Pooler, 10, relaxes at the top of the playground slide. More photos from Perry Lane Camp on page 10. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

### THOMAS SULLIVAN



Onlookers stand at attention as the hearse carrying Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Sullivan passes by St. John the Evangelist Church on July 27. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

## Town turns out to bid farewell to Marine

By Michael J. Ballway  
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The War on Terror came home to Agawam this week, and for Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Sullivan, it will stay home here forever.

Sullivan, a Marine from East Springfield, was one of five service members killed in a July 16 lone-gunman attack on a Chattanooga, Tenn., naval reserve center. Residents of Agawam and surrounding towns lined Main Street on Monday to pay their respects as his funeral procession passed on its way from Route 57 to the Massachusetts Veterans Memo-

rial Cemetery, where he was buried July 27.

"It's unfair," said Gary Roy of West Springfield, standing on the sidewalk just north of St. John the Evangelist Church. "Forty years old. He's got kids. It's just a sad day for the nation. Another fallen hero."

The incident is being investigated as a potential act of terrorism, but for some of those who waved flags for Sullivan on Monday, the connection is obvious.

"I'm here because my son is a Marine and I wanted to show my support," said Laurie Kononitz of Southwick. "It's not just that a Marine died or somebody's son

died. It was a terror attack."

Shirley Rasmussen, a Westfield resident who brought her two granddaughters, Mia and Molly Hastings of Agawam, out to Main Street, said she was there "to pay my respects."

"I feel he should get his Purple Heart without McCain having to prove his case," she said.

U.S. Sen. John McCain said last week he would campaign for all five victims to receive the honor, which is reserved for those killed or wounded in military action. Under current law, the Purple Heart would only be awarded

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Lioness to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun Sunday, Sept. 13. Anyone interested in going is asked to be at the Agawam High School parking lot at noon. The bus will depart at 12:30 p.m., or sooner if everyone is present. The bus will arrive back at AHS at 8:30 p.m.

The cost is \$33 per person, which includes bus driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet voucher. Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. The public is invited. Early reservations are encouraged, as seats are limited. For reservations, call Pat at 413-786-1782 or Rose at 413-786-5134.



Steppin' Out, one of the region's most popular bands, will perform at the next SummerFest concert in School Street Park. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Steppin' Out to perform Aug. 4 at SummerFest

Steppin' Out, a six-piece band consisting of a female vocalist, bass, sax, drums, guitar and keyboards, will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the next in a series of free SummerFest concerts at School Street Park in Agawam.

Steppin' Out has been together for over 15 years and has played extensively throughout the Northeast and New York area. The musicians have extensive club, private function and recording studio experience. The band has a reputation as one of the region's most popular, entertaining and professional bands.

The music covered by the group includes selections from the '40s through today with a strong di-

rected toward the hits. Music selections range from classics from every decade, rock 'n' roll, Motown, progressive contemporary and dance party music.

The 2015 concerts are brought to the public free of charge by the following corporate sponsors: Agawam Advertiser News, Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Lions Club, Agawam Rotary Club, Allied Flooring & Paint, Berkshire Power, Bolduc's Apparel, Canary Blomstrom, Cumberland Farms, Easthampton Savings, King Ward Coach Lines, WRNX-FM 100.9, Lucia Lumber, Main Street Deli, Moren Signs, Olympic Manufacturing, Quality Auto, Republic Services, Sarat Ford, Ski Blandford, United Bank and Westfield Bank.

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## Scene on the Green



John Kelleher, or “Johnny the K,” performs with a few audience volunteers during last week’s KidsFest concert on the Veterans Green at Main and School streets in Agawam. The next KidsFest is Wednesday, Aug. 12. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY KAREN BALLWAY

## Photo exhibit comes to library in Aug.

The Agawam Public Library will exhibit photography prints by Western Massachusetts native Ed “Boots” Flebotte during the month of August, beginning next Monday.

Flebotte began his hobby of photography after the birth of his first child. For decades, he was the principal photographer for his family, before bringing his interest to both nature and sport photography. Modestly labeling himself as “just an amateur,” Ed’s photographs have been published in “Lasting Illusion” and have received honorable mention in the Springfield daily newspaper. His photos have also been displayed in local libraries and at local craft fairs for several years.

His impressive portfolio includes im-

ages from several national parks, including Bryce Canyon, Zion, Yosemite, Yellowstone, Acadia and Joshua Tree. Flebotte’s exhibit also features beautiful scenery from other areas of the country, local landmarks and parks, and flowers.

Flebotte’s simple philosophy is that what makes a good photograph is in the eyes of the beholder. Often, a photographer can find inspiration as close as his or her own backyard.

Contact information for Ed Flebotte’s work will be available during the exhibit. Visitors are welcome to the gallery during open library hours, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, Aug. 3-31.

# Water pipeline replacement on target for 2016 completion

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The project to replace a major pipeline between Springfield and Provin Mountain is on schedule and could possibly finish ahead of time.

Springfield Water and Sewer Commission spokesperson Joyce Mulvaney said Monday the project is more than 50 percent completed, after crews from Baltazar Construction recently crossed Springfield Street.

“The crews have been doing really well with the project and they have not encountered a lot of problems,” said Mulvaney.

The only major disturbance has been for some residents who live along the pipeline, said Agawam Public Works Deputy Superintendent John Decker, who oversees the town Water Department. “Most of the residents along those properties are just used to the land being mowed a few times a year,” said Decker. “Now it is going to be an active construction site for a while.”

Mulvaney says in the past several months, Baltazar has worked with the town of Agawam to continuously provide updates for traffic and other issues. The town’s Blackboard Connect robo-call system is used to telephone residents in the affected neighborhoods. Decker also said the contractor and Springfield are responsible for the notifications because it is their project.

The project started in September, Decker said, with work on North West Street followed by North Westfield Street. Work continued as weather permitted through the winter. Despite the harsh winter, the project remains on schedule, with completion

in the range of 18 months to two years.

The water transmission pipe that travels through Agawam spans about six miles, total, with the entire length between the Provin Mountain Reservoir and the South End Bridge to be replaced as part of this project. There are two other transmission lines between Proving Mountain and the city of Springfield, both of which run primarily through West Springfield. Springfield is using those two lines while the Agawam pipe is shut down.

In Agawam, there have been minimal detours as work crews cross the town’s streets. Springfield Street saw a one-day detour earlier in July.

“The residents of Feeding Hills and Agawam have been really cooperative with us while we work on this project,” said Mulvaney. “We really appreciate their patience.”

According to the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission’s website, the pipeline was originally constructed in 1928, and a 2010 study found corrosion. Some emergency repairs and improvements were performed, totaling \$6.6 million.

Now, the pipeline will be completely replaced, including the installation of 11 valves, 13 air valve chambers, and 12 drainage areas through multiple wetlands. The project cost is about \$24 million. Baltazar also completed the water main project in Agawam, installing a 24-inch pipe along North Westfield Street. The pipe connected to Springfield’s larger connection.

Current work is ongoing near Lancaster Drive. Mulvaney said Tuesday the work would be going across Suffield Street at some point in the next couple of weeks. Residents will likely be informed when the construction crews have a specific date.

## Are You Old News?



Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). Please include your first and last name.

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Last week’s photo: Correctly identifying Albert Bagetta were Bill Brunelle, Jim Graveline, Rich Joseph, Roger and Fran Leclerc, Ron Piogga, Geraldine Schilling-Nordal and Paul Zymba.



## Get to know Sigma Mattress

### Local Business Profile

**Location:**  
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[sigmamattress@gmail.com](mailto:sigmamattress@gmail.com)  
**Owner Name:** Alex Pavlenko

#### What promoted you to start your business?

Growing up in the Ukraine as a seamster and tailor and wanting to use these skills when coming to America. I moved to the USA in 1989 and began at Simmons Mattress in 1990 where I worked as a machine operator for 14 years. I spent 3.5 years as a production manager for King Koil before fulfilling a dream of owning my own business.

#### How long have you been in business?

Sigma Mattress opened in July of 2007.

#### What makes you stand out in the industry?

Being able to work directly with the owner of the company. The ability to customize each mattress to a customer’s



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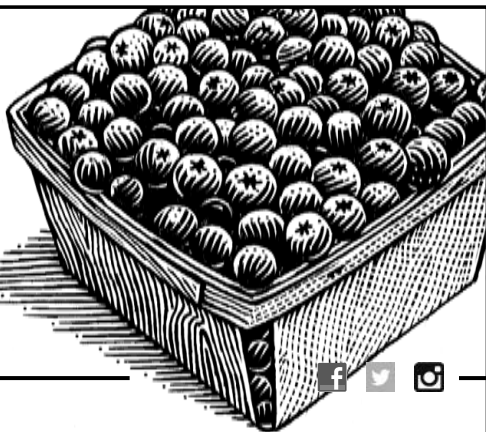
#### Describe your product or service.

Fully customizable mattresses from the firmness to the size to the materials used.

#### What do you enjoy the most about the business?

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## OUR VIEW

### Library a hub for summer programs

Librarians today are not the uptight bookworms they were once portrayed to be in pop culture. They do so much more than simply help cardholders find their favorite book.

As this year's summer reading programs wind down, a little appreciation for their tireless efforts is deserved.

These days, librarians navigate public information resources, advise patrons on the use of technology, design programming and keep shelves — as well as online catalogues — stocked with the latest titles.

Over the years, even the last decade, libraries like the Agawam Public Library have had to change with the times — competing with tablets, smart phones, the Internet, e-readers and so much more.

The want for paper books has declined, but the demand for new services has skyrocketed. Those services have to cater to a population as diverse as Agawam itself, for the young and old alike, appealing to all tastes and needs.

Just this month, the library has brought us several storytimes, an edible plant hike, home brewing workshop and something called "the Great Worm Adventure." Not to mention all those books, audio and video recordings.

With cultural programs, study areas and Internet access, the library is a central hub for local townsfolk and information seekers. Librarians, now more than ever, are the valued gatekeepers of this resource.

The image of a librarian sitting behind the reference desk or checkout counter with a bun in her hair, glasses on, peering out from behind a book, constantly putting her finger to her lips and giving a quick "shhhh" is gone.

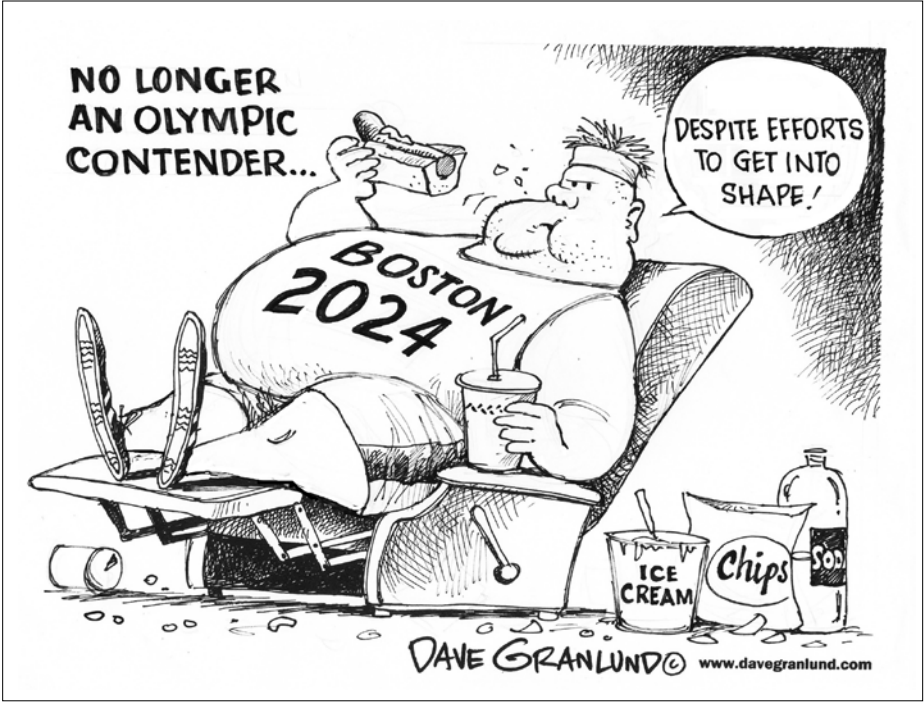
Libraries now welcome a slight "buzzing" sound of patrons shuffling through the stacks or participating in activities, and the giggles of children as they make their way through the aisles.

The statewide summer reading program, titled "Every Hero Has a Story" this year, has encouraged so many people to go to the library, children, teens and adults included.

There are still a couple weeks left to participate in the Agawam library's program. Getting started is easy — simply pick up a book. For more information on "Every Hero Has a Story" and upcoming local programs, visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

Be sure to give a quick word of thanks to a few of dedicated professionals who keep these programs going — the librarians. They are the true ("shhhh!") silent heroes of summer.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).



## YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

### How big was 1955?

In early 1955, President Dwight D. Eisenhower wrote a letter to the Rev. Frank E. Dunn, general chairman of the Centennial Committee, beginning with this sentence: "My warm greetings and congratulations go to the people of Agawam on the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation." This is proof that 1955 may have been the most important year in our town history. Even our president knew about it.

Okay, someone on his staff probably wrote the letter, but maybe that person told President Eisenhower that it was the hometown of Gen. Creighton Abrams. That might have interested him.

The centennial celebration lasted for four days, from Thursday, June 16, to Sunday, June 19. What do you remember? My only memory is the parade. Surely I didn't go to the Centennial Ball to see Marilyn Wilson crowned Centennial Queen, and I don't remember seeing Gov. Christian A. Herter speak at Bowles Airport. The 15 kilometer race would have been fun if I could have ridden my bicycle.

In his book, "Agawam and Feeding Hills Revisited," David Cecchi quotes the local paper estimating the number of parade spectators at 40,000. The members of the School Committee in 1955, according to the Centennial book, were Paul Adams, Katherine Danahy, Arthur Foley, Lawrence Menard, Elizabeth Pond and Jerry Zerra.

It's safe to assume that all or most of them were responsible for the decision to build a new high school which opened in September of 1955. A big decision, surely, but really it was a no-brainer. Think about it. Martin Lehberger '55 said that his class had 88 graduates, so if the junior-senior high school had grades 6 through 12 and they were about the same size, the school had about six to seven hundred pupils. What was going to happen when the Baby Boomers arrived?

The first Baby Boomers ('63s) were in the fourth grade and maybe there were nearly 200 of them, but new streets were being built and every new subdivision meant more students. The class of '64 had about 250 students who graduated and the '65s had more than that. How's your arithmetic? If the town did not want to build a new school, in 1963 grades 7 through 12 would probably be over 1,500 students. They'd have had to sit two per chair.

The '55 Sachem and the Centennial Committee book had plenty of ads and

these may bring you some surprises or a few oh-yeahs:

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Syd's Restaurant (340 Walnut St.)  
G & S Market (31 Bridge St.)  
Stella's Restaurant (84 Maple St.)  
Silver Star Restaurant (15 King St.)  
Agawam Luncheonette (705 Main St.)  
Hill Side Drive Inn (340 Springfield St.)  
Nelson's Variety and Luncheonette (760 Springfield St.)



Walt Willard

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



Youth baseball players Billy Ferranti (4) and Jeffrey Reynolds enjoy the town centennial parade from their vantage point on the south side of the corner of School and Main streets. Both boys were members of the Deloghia Jets, who had played the Barker Cubs the previous day as part of a centennial celebration doubleheader at Granger School. Other teams participating were the Food Mart Aces and Chriscola Bears. PHOTO BY JEFFREY REYNOLDS FROM "AGAWAM AND FEEDING HILLS REVISITED" BY DAVID CECCHI



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# The blessing of benefits

In this world in which we live, benefits are extremely important in any job package. In some cases people work a specific job mainly due to the benefits they receive. Unless we use the benefits on a regular basis we may forget all that have been made available for us. They are even benefits attached to specific credit cards and many times most of us forget that they are even there.

The Psalmist reminds us to remember all His benefits. He begins Psalm 103:

“Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

It doesn’t get much better than this — forgives, heals, redeems, crowns, satisfies and then renews. Personally, I believe there is a divine order and these build on one another.

### Forgives

The first key to freedom is to understand that He has forgiven us of all our sins.

This allows His love to penetrate our hearts.

This opens our hearts to the possibility that He really does desire to heal us.

### Heals

When we realize how much He loves us, we begin to accept the fact that He paid the price for our healing; spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

Accepting that reality, we begin to receive His healing power.

### Redeems

As He begins to heal, spiritually, emotionally and physically (sometimes He starts with either/or) we understand the redeeming power of the Lord!

Sometimes it is a process, but in the process, we have a greater understanding and experience with the Lord redeeming our lives.

### Crowns

When we realize all that He has saved us from, He crowns us with loving kindness and mercy toward others so that, that which we have received, we can give to someone else.

It is easy for me to be compassionate for someone else when I realize the mess I was.

I have tremendous compassion and encouragement for someone who loses a child during pregnancy, having been there myself.

### Satisfies

When we have a healthy attitude toward others, (i.e., tender mercy and loving kindness) our outlook on life changes and we begin to walk in grace toward others. It brings tremendous satisfaction to us and my experience is that somehow our grateful hearts opens up a spiritual door to receiving good things.

### Renews

When life is good, I am energized and I feel young again!

Which of these benefits have you forgotten? Remember, they are available for the taking! After all, these benefits, His benefits, are for your benefit!

Bob Olmstead is a senior elder at Light-house Christian Church on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.



Bob Olmstead

# Rep. points to state budget’s local benefits

State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, said recently that the \$38.1 billion fiscal 2016 state budget he helped pass on July 8 holds the line on taxes, increases local aid to cities and towns and implements key transportation reforms at the MBTA. The budget passed the House of Representatives on a vote of 153-1.

The budget passed by the House included a \$4.5 billion allocation for Chapter 70 education aid, which represented an increase of \$111.2 million, or 2.5 percent, over the current year. Unrestricted general government aid, which helps fund many other essential municipal services, saw an increase of \$34 million, bringing the statewide total to \$979.8 million, an increase of 3.6 percent over current levels.

Agawam will receive \$18,927,672 in Chapter 70 education aid under the fiscal 2016 budget plan, along with \$3,396,126 in unrestricted general government aid. Agawam will also receive the \$100,000 that was secured during the budget debate in April to fund a high school auditorium renovation.

The budget calls for significant increases in reimbursements to cities and towns to help offset the costs associated with spe-

cial education and regional school transportation services. The special education reimbursement, also known as the Circuit Breaker, is funded at \$271.7 million, an increase of 7.2 percent, or \$18.3 million, over this year, a level that fully funds the state’s share of special education aid for local school districts at 75 percent. Regional school transportation will see a 14.6 percent increase, bringing the statewide total to \$59 million, up \$7.5 million from the current year.

An additional \$80.5 million has been set aside for charter school reimbursements to cities and towns. This represents an increase of \$3.6 million, or 4.7 percent, over current reimbursement levels.

For the first time in eight years, the budget does not rely on a drawdown from the state Stabilization Fund. It also includes no new taxes, but does provide for an increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) from 15 percent of the federal award to 23 percent of the federal award, effective Jan. 1, 2016.

The budget, which was also enacted by the Senate on July 8, was approved by Gov. Charlie Baker later in the month. Boldyga said Baker did not make any changes to local items affecting Agawam.



State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga

# Storowton seeking volunteers for Big E

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Eastern States Exposition’s Storowton Village Museum is extending an invitation to individuals ages 14 and up to volunteer as costumed guides in the 1800s village during the Big E.

Volunteers are needed to act as hosts and conduct guided tours of Storowton’s historic buildings during this year’s Big E, Sept. 18 to Oct. 4. Training sessions for prospective volunteers begin Wednesday, Aug. 19. To participate, volunteers must complete a volunteer interest form and schedule an in-person interview with a Storowton Village staff member. Selected volunteers must be available to attend all three training sessions, which take place Aug. 19, Aug. 26, and Sept. 2 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Village volunteers dress in Early

American-inspired apparel to give fairgoers a glimpse of New England’s past. Interpreting the roles of 19th century New Englanders, volunteers will gain a wealth of knowledge about crafts, food and daily life of the era while participating in the excitement of the Big E.

Costumes, parking and admission for volunteers on duty will be provided by the Big E as well as a 25 percent discount on items purchased at the gift shops operated by Storowton Village. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to attend the staff field trip, picnic and the annual Big E staff party.

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Storowton Village Museum before Aug. 14 at 413-205-5051, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

# City Council meeting agenda

Roberta G. Doering School  
68 Main St.  
Monday, Aug. 3  
7 p.m.

- A. Roll call
- B. Moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Citizen’s speak time
- D. Minutes
- 1. Regular council meeting – July 13, 2015
- 2. Special council meeting – July 14, 2015
- E. Declaration from council president
- F. Presentation of Petitions and Resolutions
- 1. TR-2015-32- A Resolution requesting the Agawam City Council petition for the enactment of Special Municipal Legislation concerning Special Police Officers in the town of Agawam (Mayor) (Tabled 7/13/15) (Referred to Legislative Committee)
- 2. TR-2015- 36- A Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Gary Janulewicz, 41 Elm St., Agawam, MA to the Historical Commission to a term expiring Jan. 1, 2018 (Mayor)
- 3. TR-2015- 37- A Resolution requesting the installation of “No Parking” signs along School

- Street (Mayor) (Referred to Community Relations Committee)
- 4. TR-2015- 38- A Resolution accepting an easement for storm drains by Donald F. Kinsley and Carol A. Kinsley pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, § 14 for the Town of Agawam (Mayor)
- 5. TR-2015- 39- A Resolution appropriating from the Community Preservation Fund and authorizing the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds for the rehabilitation and preservation of town owned land (CPA) (Referred to Community Relations Committee)
- G. Report of council committees
- H. Elections
- I. Public hearings
- J. Old Business
- 1. TO-2015-7- An Ordinance amending Chapter 169 entitled Vehicles and Parking, Article IV, Parking (Mayor) (1 of 2 Readings) (Referred to Legislative Committee)
- K. New business: Unavailable at press time.
- L. Any other matter that may legally come before the city council.
- Adjournment

# Gala, golf, bowling to benefit Y teen programs

The YMCA of Greater Springfield will host a gala and auction, golf outing and afternoon of bowling during its COMMUNITY Classic Weekend, Aug. 21-23.

The three events will benefit teen programs throughout the 14 towns and cities, including Agawam, served by the Springfield Y.

The weekend begins with a Red Carpet Soiree and Auction at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield. This gala includes live and silent auctions, a band and DJ for dancing, and presentations by YMCA teens. The cost is \$50 per person. Tickets are available at all YMCA of Greater Springfield locations, including the Agawam YMCA Wellness and Program Family Center at 63 Springfield St.,

Agawam.

On Saturday, the Y will host a golf outing with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Westover Municipal Golf Course, 181 South St., Granby, Mass. Registration is \$150 per person or \$600 per foursome and includes breakfast, buffet lunch, a live auction and exciting contests.

On Sunday, all are invited to test their bowling skills 12-4 p.m. at AMF Chicopee Lanes, 291 Burnett Road, Chicopee. Signup fee of \$15 per person, or \$45 for a family of four, includes lunch and a souvenir gift. There will also be a chance to win raffle prizes and other fun activities.

COMMUNITY Classic Weekend is sponsored by Big Y, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and former NBA star Travis Best.



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## Beer tasting, BBQ to aid local landmark

The lawn of Agawam's historic Captain Charles Leonard House will be the site of a summer craft beer tasting and barbecue sponsored by nearby McCarthy Liquors on Saturday, Aug. 1. The event will run rain or shine, from 2 to 5 p.m., and feature a large variety of local and craft beers and ciders for sampling. Tents will provide shelter in the event of rain. Standard barbecue fare such as hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork and salads will also be offered. The Captain Charles Leonard House is at 663 Main St., Agawam.

Tickets to the event are \$20 per person and are available at McCarthy's Liquors, 430 Main St., Agawam, and Johnny Mac Liquors, 1949 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, or by calling the Captain Charles Leonard House at 413-786-9421. Attendees must

be at least 21 years old. All proceeds of the event will be donated to the Captain Leonard House by the McCarthy family to help with preservation needs.

The Captain Charles Leonard House was built in 1805 as a stage tavern to service travelers on the Hartford-Boston route. The house was restored in the late 1930s by Minerva Davis, who then established a board of trustees to oversee the operation of the Captain Charles Leonard House as Agawam's Community House, the role it has served since 1939. The house is available to rent for business functions and social events.

For more information, call 413-786-9421, visit [www.captainleonardhouse.com](http://www.captainleonardhouse.com), follow on Twitter @leonardhouse and "like" at Facebook.com/captainleonardhouse.

## Peace activist to speak at library

Frances Crowe, pacifist, advocate for peace and justice and a Quaker, will be the guest speaker at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. on Monday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. The topic of her discussion will be her recently published memoir, "Finding My Radical Soul."

Born in 1919, Crowe began her lifelong commitment for peace and justice in Carthage, Mo., when girls were denied access to athletic facilities. Since then, she has protested against nuclear arms, the Vietnam War, apartheid in Africa and the inva-

sions and occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq. She has been arrested and jailed many times for her beliefs and actions.

The event, which is part of the Adult Summer Reading Program, is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Massachusetts Library System, Boston Bruins, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and CSLP.

Registration is required. Call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

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### CAMPUS NOTES

**American International College:** Alexander MacMillan, Leonid Cherny, Meghan Schepart, Melinda Moreno, Rachel Thomas, David Kreps, Jennifer Cooney, Gail Howe and Ashley Macey, of Agawam; and Jason Metz, of Feeding Hills, graduated at ceremonies held recently.

**Franklin Pierce University:** Adrien K. Messick, of Feeding Hills, graduated at ceremonies held recently.

**MCPHS University:** Nikki Barker, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

**University of Maine at Farmington:** Amber Duffus, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

**UMass Lowell:** Michele Lemieux, of Feeding Hills, graduated at ceremonies held May 16.

**Westfield State University:** Nicholas P. Taliceo, of Feeding Hills, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester.

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# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 342 calls for service from July 21 to July 27. The department made two arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Wednesday, July 22

Julian Rivera, 20, of 106 Silver St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of failing to stop or yield and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license, subsequent offense.

### Thursday, July 23

John D. Quigley, 34, of Hilton Garden Inn, Apt. 466, Springfield, was arrested on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, driving under the influence of liquor, a marked lanes violation and driving with no inspection sticker.

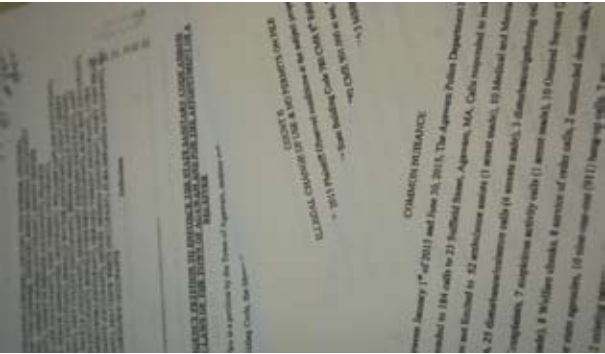
## FIRE LOG

Logs for July 21-27 were not available from the Fire Department by press time. They will be printed in next week's Agawam Advertiser News.

## New police



A swearing-in ceremony was held Wednesday, July 22, at Agawam Town Hall for newly appointed police officers Taylor Hartmann and Christopher Keeley. Pictured, from left, are Lt. Edward McGovern, Chief Eric Gillis, Keeley, Hartmann and Mayor Richard Cohen. SUBMITTED PHOTO



The town of Agawam last week filed a lawsuit against the Agawam Motor Lodge. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

### MOTEL ■ from page 1

that have been cited,” said DiSanti. “Repairs to the building have been ongoing. He is trying to work with the town to resolve this.”

The parties are scheduled for a motion hearing on Aug. 7. DiSanti says he hopes to have a meeting with town officials before that to see if a resolution can be reached.

“My client wants to make the necessary repairs to his building so he can keep operating his business,” said DiSanti.

The business was still operating as of Tuesday. Patrick Toney, the town's associate solicitor, said the building's residents are named on the lawsuit because the town wants them to vacate the building until it is brought up to code. The lawsuit asks that CH Corp. “temporarily provide alternative housing to defendant occupants and their respective family members [and] roommates until such a time as all emergency violations have been corrected.”

The lawsuit also asks that CH Corp. turn over control of the building to a court-appointed receiver “for the limited purpose of securing the subject property as well as making the necessary and immediate emergency repairs to protect the general public's health and safety.”

In the lawsuit, the town “asserts that the property owned by CH Corp. has numerous significant and dangerous nuisance and code violation that pose an extremely serious risk to health safety, and well-being of the occupants, residents, trespassers, employees of the town of Agawam, and first responders.”

Exhibits submitted along with the lawsuit assert that there have been 184 police calls to the motel during the first six months of 2015. Among them, two unattended deaths and 22 arrests have occurred there. The Fire Department has responded to 70 calls during that same time period.

A June 10 inspection of the property resulted in numerous violations, including issues with fire alarms, smoke detectors, debris blocking certain access ways, and lack of fire suppression systems. Numerous health violations included soiled furniture, excessive trash and debris, and cockroach infestations.

A follow-up inspection on July 6 revealed some of those conditions still existed, the court papers said.

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**Kayla Saraiva & Brendan Zdanis**  
Ludlow, MA/South Windsor, CT  
Date of Wedding: May 21, 2016



Business



Bruce Stanas, second from left, presents two gifts to town of Agawam representatives, from left, Police Lt. Edward McGovern, Mayor Richard Cohen, Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks and Tracy DeMaio from the DPW. Submitted photo

WOC Inc. receives \$1,300 from Rotary

Work Opportunity Center, Inc. announced it is a recipient of a \$1,300.00 grant from the Rotary Club of West Springfield. The money received will be put toward the purchase of equipment to be utilized by program participants of the new Community Based Day program, which began in October.

The program is designed to enable individuals with developmental disabilities an opportunity to enrich their life and enjoy a full range of community activities by providing opportunities for developing, enhancing and maintaining competency in personal, social and community activities.

The Work Opportunity Center Inc. is a private, non-profit organization in Agawam. In addition to this program, it has been providing developmentally disabled individuals with vocational training, employment and employment opportunities, while supplying a dependable work force to local employers, since 1969. The center currently services 98 individuals in four separate work programs within Greater Springfield.

Republic Services helps sponsor summer events

Republic Services, the town’s contracted waste hauler, recently made two donations to continue supporting two summer events in Agawam.

Mayor Richard Cohen accepted a \$1,500 gift to support the SummerFest and KidsFest concert series, and a \$1,000 gift for the annual National Night Out event. Both gifts were presented by Bruce Stanas, Republic’s regional government affairs manager.

“Republic Services is truly excited about having the opportunity to support two very important community events,” remarked Stanas. “We value our partnership with the town of Agawam.”

SummerFest and KidsFest, managed by the Parks and Recreation Department, have become Agawam’s premier summer community events, providing family-friendly free music and kids acts featuring some of the best local, regional and national acts. In its 18th year of providing en-

tertainment to the community, the SummerFest series is taking place at the new band shell at School Street Park. KidsFest concerts are held at the Veterans Green on Main Street.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, Agawam will join communities across the nation in hosting a National Night Out event at the School Street Park. The event, hosted by the mayor’s office and Agawam Police Department, along with a number of community partners such as Republic Services, is a night dedicated to the promotion of crime prevention groups, law enforcement agencies and community partners and businesses dedicated to a safer community.

Cohen says the substantial support of Republic Services is greatly appreciated by the town and helps make two very important and popular events bigger and better with their generous donations.

Sound Seal products honored

Sound Seal, a manufacturer of acoustical and noise control products based in Agawam, was recently honored with a construction excellence entry note from the Ceilings and Interior Systems Construction Association.

The recognition is for two recent installations of WoodTrends products. The Austin Chinese Church in Austin, Texas, used WoodTrends WoodGrille ceiling panels, citing acoustical performance, aesthetics, longevity and a resistance to fluctuations in temperature and humidity. WoodTrends Custom Ceiling Panels were used in Marisco Hall Imaging Resource Building at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, to provide the look and feel of custom millwork and an environmentally sustainable product.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Stonestreet character

4. What part of (abbr.)

7. 4th Caliph of Islam

10. Ancient Irish people

12. Civil Rights group

13. Celery (Spanish)

14. Ed Murrow’s network

16. No (Scottish)

17. Classic dramatic music

19. Former OSS

20. Oven for ceramics

21. The Palmetto State

25. Rapid bustling movement

26. Mauna \_\_\_\_, volcano

27. Ridge of wind-blown sand

29. Brilliantly executed action

CLUES DOWN

1. Cocoa beans

2. N.W. Syrian city

3. Environmental condition

4. Actress Zadora

5. Skulls

6. Technology Information Center for Administrative Leadership (abbr.)

8. Central Nervous System

9. Not shut or closed

11. Legal action for damages

14. Data executive

15. Hot air, trial or party

18. Exclamation of surprise

19. \_\_-magnon - early humans

20. Crest of a hill

22. Two deck rummy game

23. Fruit drink suffix

24. Informal debt instrument

27. Dashes

28. Hawaiian guitar

29. Singer \_\_\_\_ Lo Green

31. Spanish hero El \_\_\_\_

32. Prima ballerina Karsavina

33. Taxi

34. “You’re the Top” composer’s initials

35. Colony founded by Xenophanes

36. Talked

37. Undo garment ties

38. Exuberantly creative

39. Meat from a pig (alt. sp.)

40. About ilium

44. Blat

47. ‘\_\_ death do us part

Answers on page 15

Legals

**AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT July 1, 2015**

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, August 10, 2015 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of OMG, Inc, which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-56 to allow for the installation of roof stacks which will be higher than the allowed height requirement at the premises identified as 153 Bowles Road.

**Doreen Prouty** Chairperson  
Agawam Board of Appeals  
7/23,7/30/15

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Town of Agawam acting through its Chief Procurement Officer in consultation with the Office of Planning and Community Development is seeking qualified consultants to provide engineering and design services for the Walnut Street Extension Streetscape Redevelopment Design Project. A full bid package with specifications will be available on July 23, 2015 at 10:00AM in the Office of Planning and Community Development, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001 or by

email to [mstrange@agawam.ma.us](mailto:mstrange@agawam.ma.us). Questions/RFI’s may be directed to Marc Strange, Director of Planning & Community Development, (413) 786-0400, extension 8738 or via email. All bids are due to the Office of the Mayor **by August 27, 2015 at 2:00PM**. At that time and place said bids shall be publicly opened. Any contract issued in response to a successful bid must be approved by the City Council. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Town reserves the right not to make an award on this contract if doing so is in the best interest of the Town.  
7/30/15

**Invitation to Bid for Water Materials IFB # 15-450-001 LEGAL NOTICE**

The Town of Agawam, Chief Procurement Officer hereby invites sealed bids from qualified experience sources in accordance with Chapter 30B for the furnishing of Water Materials, such as Ductile Iron Pipe, Fittings, Fire Hydrants, Valves, Service Brass and Appurtenances on an as needed basis. A full bid package with specifications will be available beginning August 3, 2015 at 10:00 AM/PM at the Department of Public Works, 1000 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA 01001 or by email to [Procurement@agawam.ma.us](mailto:Procurement@agawam.ma.us). Questions/

RFI’s may also be directed in writing to [Procurement@agawam.ma.us](mailto:Procurement@agawam.ma.us).

The contract will be awarded to the responsible and responsive bidder who offers the lowest price in the following award groups: 1) Ductile Iron Pipe (Item 1 Inclusive) 2) Fittings (Items 2- 11 inclusive), 2) Fire Hydrants & Valves (Items 12-13 inclusive), 4) Service Brass (Items 14-19 Inclusive) & 5) Appurtenances (Items 20-24 Inclusive).

The Town of Agawam reserves the right: (1) to award bids received on the basis of individual items, or groups of items, or on the entire list of items (2) to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof; (3) to waive any informality in the bids; and (4) to accept the bid that is in the best interest of the Town.

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discuss protection issues. Night Out will include a number of safety-oriented activities for adults and children — from proper installation of children's car seats to free document shredding to help prevent identity theft to bicycle safety to a photo booth with child ID kits.

### Promoting crime prevention

The past two National Nights Out in Agawam each attracted more than 500 people. Agawam Police Officer Robert Burke, who is organizing this year's event, said he hopes the new location will draw an even larger crowd.

The goal of the nationwide event — also known as "America's Night Out Against Crime" — is to engage the public in crime prevention activities, create more police-community partnerships, and improve neighborhood camaraderie.

Although Agawam recently began holding an annual Night Out, this will mark the 32nd year the crime and prevention event has been held nationwide. Agawam is among nearly 16,000 communities throughout North America holding Nights Out. Sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch, they are usually held on the first Tuesday in August.

The event was relocated this year from the high school's athletic fields to the newly expanded School Street Park. While the move was prompted by the anticipated renovation of the school's sports fields, it will be a permanent move.

"We're always trying to improve things. We hope the new location enhances the event by providing more space for more activities," said Burke. Most demonstrations will be held near the new section of the park on Corey Street. Public parking will be available at the Corey Street and School Street parking lots.

"NNO is a great way to bring the people of Agawam together and send a message to criminals that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back," added Burke. "It brings awareness to the community and provides residents with information on how to protect themselves and others — which in turn helps with crime prevention."

### Demonstrations, entertainment

Emergency vehicles from the town's Police and Fire departments will be on display,



Agawam firefighters demonstrate the effectiveness of its Jaws of Life tools during Agawam's 2014 National Night Out.



Numerous emergency vehicles will be on display at the 2015 National Night Out community event on Tuesday. Pictured is an aerial ladder fire truck at last year's event. FILE PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

along with vehicles from other state and regional public safety agencies. The Fire Department will again use a donated car to highlight the capabilities of its Jaws of Life in extricating and rescuing accident victims.

Also returning will be the Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit. Officers will conduct a demonstration to show how specially trained dogs assist police and other law enforcement officers.

Another State Police unit — this one airborne — may also make a stop in Agawam. One of five helicopters operated by the State Police Air Wing kicked off last year's Night Out when it landed to allow people a close look at the twin-engine, turbine-powered aircraft.

"We're attempting to get the helicopter again this year, but we're not sure if it will make an appearance," said Burke.

In addition to the public safety demonstrations, Burke said Interstate Towing, a towing, recovery and road service company in Chicopee, will bring a large truck capable of lifting vehicles into the air to showcase its equipment.

There will be plenty of festivities and food at National Night Out, too — including free hot dogs, popcorn, beverages, a dance school presentation and face painting. Steppin' Out, a six-piece band, will provide this year's live entertainment with musical selections from the 1940s to today's top hits.

National Night Out began in 1984 as a traditional "lights on" campaign. The symbolic front porch vigils turned into celebrations across America. Each year, nearly 38 million people attend Nights Out.

Events and activities vary from community to community. Some are block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from emergency personnel, rallies and marches, exhibits, youth events, or safety demonstrations and seminars. All are designed to heighten awareness and enhance police-community relations.

"Agawam holds one of the best NNO events in the area, with plenty to do and see at our event," Burke said. "It's a great feeling to have the community come together at an event like this and enjoy it. This is a fun event with a serious purpose."

There is no rain date for the event. If there is rain but no severe weather, the event will go on as scheduled, said Burke. Only the threat of severe weather will cancel the event.

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# Fun in the sun



Jacob Powell, 6, gets ready to go under water.

**P**erry Lane Camp is in its third session of the summer. The five-day-a-week camp runs for eight weeks and serves approximately 200 area children each year. The camp is run by several high school and college-age counselors and features sports, games and swimming each day.



Lucia Grimaldi relaxes by the pool.



Counselors Alexis Vecchiarelli and Becca McKiernan with Eric Hollander, 6.

Devin Paine, 10, looks for an open teammate during a handball game.



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Emily Quinones, 11, goes to battle in a game called "raptors."



From left, Ava Levesque, 10, Lana Raine, 9, Corey Matezek, 9, and Sierra Johnson, 9, relax after playing a game.

Right: Avery Gordon, 7, Arianna Michaelis, 7, and Makayla Barcomb, 7, get ready for swimming.



Ava Machado, 8, and Enzo Liquori, 8, with their counselor, Emily Fish.



Campers play team handball.



# Youth

## Agawam youth attends coding camp

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University held two week-long computer summer camps for high school and middle school students, from July 6-17. Among the students was Jacob Sweeney of Agawam.

“I hope to become a computer programmer some day, or maybe do computer security,” Sweeney remarked. “I’m not sure yet, but I hope to take programming in high school next year.”

Students discovered how the various components of computers work together, and they spent most of their week learning how to program, creating basic animation and music using two programming environments, Alice and Earsketch. Using these tools required gaining experience with the Python programming language. At the end of the week-long camp, parents attend a screening of the animation projects as each student presented their work to the audience.

Nearly 70 area youth participated in this annual high-tech adventure. The Computer Camp program is led by computer science professors Leh-Sheng Tang and Brian O’Neill.

“Teaching programming in the context



Jacob Sweeney of Agawam works on a computer at a Western New England University summer camp. SUBMITTED PHOTO

of music and animation allows students to gain a wider perspective on what is possible with coding,” said O’Neill. “Their creations are always amazing, and it’s wonderful to hear how many of them plan to keep working with Alice and Earsketch programs after camp ends.”

For more information about Computer Camp, visit [www1.wne.edu/artsandsciences/index.cfm?selection=doc.8688](http://www1.wne.edu/artsandsciences/index.cfm?selection=doc.8688).



David Gage and Alyssa Eggleston recently received \$2,000 scholarships from Six Flags New England. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## College students get \$4K from Six Flags

Two college students from Agawam, Alyssa Eggleston and David Gage, recently received \$2,000 scholarships from Six Flags New England.

Eggleston attends the University of New Hampshire, where she is majoring in hospitality management and is interested in a career in event planning. She has volunteered extensively in the Agawam area.

Gage attends the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, majoring in electrical engineering. He is currently working as an admissions lead at Six Flags New England.

## Cool it



Evan Chateaufort, 4, of Agawam, is splashed as he tries to plug a sprayer Saturday at the South Hadley Beach-grounds spray park with his foot. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY KRISTIN WILL

## Change of scenery



“The quest is over” for Aladdin’s Lamp as the Red Door Theatre performed to sold-out houses its third production of this year’s summer children’s theater camp. Coming up next is an original play by Agawam’s Lyle Pearsons, “Cutlass of the Sea,” about the Irish pirate queen, Grace O’Malley. Show dates are Friday and Saturday, July 31 and Aug. 1, at 7:30, and Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 1-2, 2 p.m. All tickets are \$9 and may be reserved by calling 413-789-2026. Pictured are Alyssa Blair and Stephen Heald from West Springfield, and Faith Olbrych of Feeding Hills. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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# SPORTS

## SOCCER

# Brownies narrowly miss playoffs

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School Boys Summer Soccer A team finished out the regular season last week, and came up just one point short of making the cut for the top eight in playoff hunt.

Agawam did finish out the schedule with two straight wins. The Brownies beat both Belchertown and Amherst, teams with very strong varsity programs in the fall season.

In the end, Agawam finished with a 5-4-2 record for the summer.

Agawam started out the season near the top of the A Division, utilizing good defense and goalkeeping to propel them to a few early-season victories.

Coach Joe Sciartelli says the inability to put more goals on the board led Agawam to suffer a few losses during the middle of the summer season.

Agawam would drop to 3-4-2 heading into the final week of the regular season. Despite the two straight wins, Agawam would not make the playoffs with very stiff competition in the A Division.

Overall, though, Sciartelli said he was pleased with the way his team played and believes Agawam will be successful when practices start near the end of August.

“These guys are going to be pretty good this fall,” said Sciartelli, who coached the A team for the second straight year. “They have some things to figure out when they start prac-

tices, but I really think they will be right up there with the rest of the teams in Division 1.”

Sciartelli said he believes defense will be the strongest point for Agawam’s varsity team this fall.

“These guys played really great defense during the summer,” said Sciartelli. “They got a lot of touches on the ball and they all worked really hard. Some of the upcoming players really got a chance to work with the most recent varsity players. I think that will continue in the fall.”

Sciartelli also believes Steven Ludtke had a chance to be the starting goalie this fall. He performed well this summer and the starting job is open this fall.

“He was looking really good out there,” said Sciartelli.

Generating offense will be a challenge, though, for Agawam, as they must establish new scorers.

“Brodie Keene has graduated,” said Sciartelli. “He scored goals and created opportunities for others to score. This team is going to need another person who can be that person to lead the offense to more goal this year.”

Agawam’s varsity reached the Western Mass. semifinals last year, losing to rival West Springfield 3-0. Agawam overcame Minnechaug in the quarterfinals, winning 4-0. The Brownies went 10-7-1 and during the regular season.

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The Agawam A Division boys soccer team finished up their regular season last week. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



## SOFTBALL

# Marcotte takes talents to UMass-Boston

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - When she was just a freshman, Taylor Marcotte was inserted into the Western Massachusetts Division I softball championship final.

She came up with a couple of big plays and ended up part of the beginning of what has been a stellar run for the Agawam High School softball team.

In Marcotte’s four years as a member of the varsity team, she has been a part of three sectional champions, and has reached the state finals one of those times.

Now, the hot-hitting second baseman will be taking her talents to the University of Massachusetts-Boston, where she will be majoring in Biology with the possibility of taking up nursing.

She was recruited to play softball for UMass-Boston, and was also sought after by Post University in Connecticut.

“Those were my top two choices,” she said. “It was a pretty hard decision.”

Marcotte has developed over the past

four years from a freshman who recorded 22 hits as a part-time player, to a regular fixture in the Agawam starting lineup.

During the past two seasons, Marcotte found her place as the starting second baseman, and shored up that position playing good defense and providing a big spark at the plate. But there was no bigger spark than this season as she recorded 43 total hits.

She had 34 and 35 hits, respectively in her two previous seasons and finished with 134 hits for her career.

This season, Marcotte had an especially huge year entrenched as the number four hitter in the lineup. Along with her 43 hits, she had six doubles, two triples, and three home runs. She had an impressive .478 batting average and an on-base percentage over .500.

Her best statistic was her ability to produce runs. In 24 games this season, she produced 31 RBI, an average of a little more than one per game. Her only weak

## LACROSSE

# Polaski in line for Woman of the Year

*Agawam native nominated by CACC*

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Agawam High School graduate Miranda Polaski has been nominated as the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference’s NCAA Woman of the Year candidate.

Polaski graduated from Agawam High School in 2011. She went on Post University in Waterbury, Conn., and was a three-year captain in the lacrosse team.

She became the first-ever Post University athlete to receive a first-team selection on the Capital One Academic All-American Division II At-Large First team.

She also tried her luck at tennis last fall.

The Woman of the Year committee has 147 honorees from all over the country. They will be narrowed down to just 30, 10 from each division. Those finalists will be announced sometime in September.

Polaski said she was honored to be cho-

sen by the conference and says it is a tribute to the hard work she has done on and off the field.

“It is great to be a student-athlete and do good things on the athletic field,” said Polaski. “But it is really about taking those lessons on the field and applying them to daily life.”

She said it was a tough few years as Post was developing its lacrosse program. Polaski worked to lead her team during the past few years and came away this year with 61 points in 2015. She scored 49 goals to lead the team, and had 12 assists.

Her team struggled, but she managed moderate success. Post would go 0-16 this year. The Eagles were 4-12 last year, and just 2-13 the year before.

“I really enjoyed my time playing for the college,” said Polaski. “I learned a lot and I think I really grew as a player.”

Polaski was recruited to play tennis last



Sports

# Western Mass good as gold

Girls soccer rallies in finals

By Dave Forbes  
Turley Publications Sports Staff Writer

WALTHAM - For the fifth time in seven years, the Western Massachusetts squad is bringing home the same medal from the Bay State Games.

With some of the best players in the region on the team, Western Massachusetts once again captured the gold medal with a 3-1 win over Northeast in the finals.

"I am very proud of these girls," head coach Keith Saltmarsh, who coaches the Westfield girls in the high school fall season. "They came together and worked very hard to accomplish this goal."

The following high school players from Western Mass were part of the team with their school listed in parenthesis: Sarah Carron (Agawam), Abby Chaput (Hoosac Valley), Isabella Eduardo (Chicopee), Kara Felton (Frontier), Valentina MacEachern (Wilbraham & Monson Academy), Megan McGill (Monson), Bryanna Murphy (Monson), Jill Murphy (East Longmeadow), Tamara Nicholson (Chicopee), Caleigh O'Brien (Minnechaug), Lauryn Parent (Belchertown), Nissa Pereira (Ludlow), Kylie Ratelle (Chicopee), Julia Santangelo (Westfield), Caitlyn Shean (Agawam), Morgan Strassburg (Longmeadow), Emma Tanner (Northampton), Aimee-Lynn Wutka (Monson) and Tamra Zippin (Minnechaug).

In the finals, the West team gave up an early goal but



For the fifth time in seven years, the Western Massachusetts girls soccer team at the Bay State Games won the gold medal. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED PHOTO

battled back and controlled the majority of the play in the first half, scoring two goals before the whistle to gain a 2-1 lead at halftime. Eduardo scored on a beautifully executed chip of the goalkeeper on a breakaway and Carron put the West on top to stay as she broke in from the right wing and fired a shot glancing off the keeper landing into the back of the net.

"That was big for us to be able to get those goals before the half," Saltmarsh said. "It gave the girls a lot of confidence heading into the second half and it allowed us to gain the momentum of the match."

The West continued to play strongly in the second half

creating several opportunities. McGill put a comeback out of reach as she finished midway through the second half with a strong header from a corner kick placing the ball in the lower left corner of the net.

The West reached the finals after going 3-2-0 in the round robin portion of the tournament.

"We played well enough in the early rounds that we were able to advance," Saltmarsh said. "If we had caught a break or two in the round robin, we could have finished with a perfect record."

Anyway you look at it, the girls brought home their fifth gold medal in seven years.

## Lady Brownies grab seventh seed



AGAWAM - The Agawam Girls B Summer Soccer team finished out the regular season last week against Springfield last Wednesday at Agawam Middle School. The girls qualified for the playoffs with the number seven seed at 7-4. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI





# Sports

## Agawam native named Falcons coach

**Janik to serve as assistant**

SPRINGFIELD - Agawam native Doug Janik was selected to be one of two assistant coaches for the Springfield Falcons this season.

The 35-year-old Janik begins his coaching career after 14 seasons in professional hockey. Janik recorded five goals and 15 assists for 20 points and 40 penalty minutes (PIM) in 29 games with Caldaro SG (Italy) in 2014-15.

The former defenseman was drafted by the Sabres in the second round (55th overall) in the 1999 Entry Draft. He registered three goals and 16 assists for 19 points and 154 PIM in 190 career NHL games with the Sabres, Tampa Bay Lightning, Dallas Stars, Montreal Canadiens and Detroit Red Wings.

Also selected to become an assistant coach was 45-year-old Mike Bavis, who joins the Falcons after spending 15 seasons on Boston University's men's hockey coaching staff, including four seasons as associate coach.

He also served as a head coach or assistant coach at USA Hockey Select 15, 16, and 17 festivals and as a coach for the Mass/USA Hockey Satellite Training Program (STP).

As a player, the Roslindale native was a four-year letterman at BU from 1989-1993 and helped the Terriers win three Beanpots, a Hockey East title and make four consecutive NCAA tournament ap-

pearances. BU reached the national title game during Bavis's sophomore season in 1990-91. Additionally, he was voted as New England's Top Defensive Forward by the New England Hockey Writers Association in 1992 and 1993.

Bavis was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres in the 12th round (245th overall) in the 1989 Entry Draft and played in 92 games with the Rochester Americans.

Ron Rolston was named head coach of the Falcons on June 18.

**Falcons announce home opener date**

The Springfield Falcons announce their 2015-16 home opener date to be held on Saturday, Oct. 10.

The Falcons begin their 22nd in the MassMutual Center that includes upgraded digital signing, arena scoreboard, and LED lighting.

The Falcons return as the primary affiliate of the Coyotes who served as the NHL affiliate for eight years from 1996-2004.

The home opener is one of six guaranteed dates on the 2015-2016 schedule. Springfield Falcons six guaranteed dates: Saturday, Oct. 10; Friday, Nov. 13; Saturday, Feb. 13; Saturday, Feb. 27; Saturday, March 12; and Sunday, March 20.

Opponents and start times as well as the complete regular season schedule will be released later this summer by the American Hockey League.

## Park & Rec to sponsor Youth Field Hockey

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, 1000 Suffield St., will sponsor a Youth Field Hockey program for girls in grades 1 through 8 for the 2015-2016 school year. Participants will learn the fundamental skills, techniques and strategies of field hockey, while practicing and playing in the program. Girls will be broken into four different divisions:

Grades 1 and 2 Mites; grades 3 and 4, Bantam; grades 5 and 6 Junior; grades 7 and 8, Senior. Early registration for all divisions is until July 31. Cost is \$75 for early registration for Mites and Bantam, \$100 for Junior and Senior. Late registration for all divisions is Aug. 3 – Aug. 21. Cost is \$100 for Mites and Bantam and \$125 for Junior and Senior.

Girls will meet from late August through October. Practices are held in the early evenings and games will be played against neighboring communities.

The Mite program will practice on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. for eight weeks beginning Sept. 10. Played at Stick Time, this is an opportunity for girls to get involved in field hockey and learn the fundamentals.

Players need to supply their own stick, goggles and mouthpiece.

Registration is underway at the Parks and Recreation office at 1000 Suffield St. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A mandatory meeting for all players and parents will take place Monday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Roberta Doering School cafeteria.

## ‘Scramble for the Animals’ seeks golfers

AGAWAM - Volunteers of the Westfield Homeless Cat Project and Open Arms Rescue, Inc., formerly Friends of the Westfield Regional Animal Shelter, Inc., are asking golfers to join them in their annual Scramble for the Animals, Aug. 2, at Oak Ridge Golf Club, 850 South Westfield St.

This year's goal of \$6,000 will help to save the lives of hundred's of cats and dogs in the greater Westfield area. The \$100 cost includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. Dinner only is \$25.

Prizes for a hole-in-one include a new Subaru from Bertera Subaru, a \$3,500 value pool or spa from Teddy Bear Pools

and Spa and a cash prize of \$700. Other prizes include \$100 cash for closest to the pin male and female, and \$50 for longest drive male and female. Sign-up will be at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The registration deadline is July 15.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$50. It can be in the name of a business, in honor of or in memory of a loved one or a pet. Raffle prizes will also be appreciated.

For more information and registration form, contact Marie Boccasile at 413-564-0589 or e-mail marieboccasile@gmail.com.

## AHS schedules annual golf tourney

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department will host its 21st annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 26, at Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School programs. Stu-

dent athletes do not pay fees at Agawam High School as some do in other communities.

To participate as a major sponsor, golfer or tee sponsor or to donate a raffle prize, contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic office at 413-821-0529 or email dstratton@agawampublicschools.org.

## Perry Lane pool schedule

AGAWAM - The schedule for the Perry Lane Park pool, which opened June 29, is as follows: Mondays and Wednesdays - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Perry Lane Camp; 3:30 to 5 p.m., public swim; 5 to 7 p.m., swim lessons; Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Perry Lane Camp; 3:30 to 6 p.m., public swim; 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., swim lessons; Fridays - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Perry Lane Camp; 3:30 to 6 p.m., public swim; Saturdays and Sundays - noon to 5 p.m., public swim. The pool schedule is subject to change.

Daily pool passes are \$1 per person and

may be purchased at the pool from the lifeguard on duty.

An adult must accompany children under the age of 16. Disposable diapers are not permitted in the pool at any time. A cloth diaper with rubber pants or "swimmies" diapers are recommended.

Flotation devices are not permitted. Anyone with a communicable disease is not permitted in the pool. The pool may be closed due to extreme weather, special events or emergencies. The pool director or head lifeguard on duty has the authority over all pool rules and closures.

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point came during the tournament finals and state semifinals, when she was held hitless.

During the regular season, she had hits in all but two games. Her best game this season was a 4-for-5 performance against Westfield where she drove in four runs. She had 13 multi-hit games this season as well.

She reflected on her time in Agawam, saying she was just one part of an entire time, but credited a good distribution of talent throughout Agawam for the reason she was part of three championships in four years.

"We have a few good players in each grade," said Marcotte. "That is why we have been good the past few years."

Marcotte says she is looking forward to the challenge of playing in college. She is currently playing with the Connecticut Eliminators, a 23U tournament team.

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### POLASKI ■ from page 12

fall, and picked up a victory in that game.

"I was recruited by the new coach because he did not have a lot of girls to play," said Polaski. "He was really understanding of my fall practice schedule and I was not playing a fall sport. It was also a pretty low injury risk."

Polaski graduated from Post with a degree in Biology. She said she is currently applying for graduate schools in the area and is hoping go to school in the area and obtain a Masters Degree. She is hoping to become a physician's assistant and is happy to go wherever an opportunity takes her.

She says the Woman of the Year nomination is huge accomplishment and was a great way to end her full-time playing career.

Polaski hopes to pick up with a lacrosse league locally or get into coaching in the future.

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**Saturday, Aug. 1**

THE NEW ENGLAND TRUCK FESTIVAL takes place today from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. at the outdoor arena around the Betty Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is \$5 for adults; free for children 12 and under.

**Monday, Aug. 3**

THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, 750 Cooper St., will host Frances Crowe, pacifist, advocate for peace and Quaker, at 7 p.m. The topic of her presentation will be her memoir, "Finding My Radical Soul." Registration required. Call 413-789-1550, ext. 4 or visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

**Tuesday, Aug. 4**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT at School Street Park in Agawam, 5-7:30 p.m. Includes free hot dogs, popcorn, beverages, a dance school presentation, face-painting and safety-oriented activities for adults and children.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT at Spaulding Elementary School, 945 Mountain Road, Suffield, 5-9 p.m. Includes a demonstration of police, fire, ambulance and Highway Department equipment and vehicles, food and children's activities.

THE FREE SUMMERFEST CONCERT at School Street Park in Agawam will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature Steppin' Out, a six-piece band consisting of a female vocalist, bass, sax, drums, guitar and keyboards.

THE MUSICAL MOMENTS free concert series at Amelia Park, 21 S. Broad St., Westfield will host a performance of soft rock by the Charlie Galvin Band at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit [www.ameliaparkice.org](http://www.ameliaparkice.org).

**Wednesday, Aug. 5**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature the "Up" beginning at 6:15 p.m. with snacks followed by the show at 6:30 p.m., all free. For more information, call 413-782-7171 or visit [CLC413.com](http://CLC413.com).

**Friday, Aug. 7**

EAST COAST GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW, Eastern States Exposition, Better Living Center, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$6; children under 12, free with an adult. Parking \$5. For information, visit [www.mzexpos.com/eastcoast.htm](http://www.mzexpos.com/eastcoast.htm)

**Tuesday, Aug. 11**

WALT DISNEY WORLD former cast member Barbara Wojciechowski will speak at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., on "The Magic (Bands) of Disney" beginning at 6:30 p.m. Participants will learn what they need to know to plan the perfect Disney World vacation. Registration required. Call 413-789-1550, ext. 4 or online at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

**Wednesday, Aug. 12**

THE MASSACHUSETTS MORGAN HORSE SHOW takes place today and Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Ave., Springfield beginning at 6:15 p.m. with snacks followed by the show (to be announced) at 6:30 p.m., all free. For more information, call 413-782-7171 or visit [CLC413.com](http://CLC413.com).

**Thursday, Aug. 13**

NOTED MEMOIR WRITER AND JOURNALIST Thatcher Freund will conduct a morning workshop at 10:30 a.m. and evening workshop at 6:30 p.m. on the fundamentals of memoir writing. Participants should pick up a packet at the library to be completed prior to the workshop. Registration required. Call 413-789-1550 ext. 4 or online at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

**Saturday, Aug. 15**

TOM KNIGHT PUPPET SHOW at North Hall, 40 Searle Road, Huntington at 11 a.m. Original songs and skits with handmade puppets, for families and young children. Reception. Art Gallery open. Free for kids and adults. Open seating. Wheelchair access, air-conditioned.

**Tuesday, Aug. 18**

THE MUSICAL MOMENTS free concert series at Amelia Park, 21 S. Broad St., Westfield, will host a performance of bluegrass music by the Russell Mountain Boys at 6 p.m. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit [www.ameliaparkice.org](http://www.ameliaparkice.org).

**Wednesday, Aug. 19**

THE ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

KEN FEDER PRESENTS A LIVING HISTORY LECTURE, "How to Perpetrate an Archeological Fraud," at 6:30 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature "Big Hero 6" beginning at 6:15 p.m. with snacks followed by the show at 6:30 p.m., all free. For more information, call 413-782-7171 or visit [CLC413.com](http://CLC413.com).

**Thursday, Aug. 20**

THE NEWTOWN KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place today through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

THE NORTHEAST REINING HORSE SHOW takes place today through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

**Friday, Aug. 21**

THE NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

**Sunday, Aug. 23**

THE ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

**Tuesday, Aug. 25**

THE MUSICAL MOMENTS free concert series at Amelia Park, 21 S. Broad St., Westfield, will host a performance of favorites by the Cory and the Knightsmen Band at 6 p.m. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit [www.ameliaparkice.org](http://www.ameliaparkice.org).

**Wednesday, Aug. 26**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature "Home" beginning at 6:15 p.m. with snacks followed by the show at 6:30 p.m., all free. For more information, call 413-782-7171 or visit [CLC413.com](http://CLC413.com).

**Thursday, Aug. 27**

THE CONN. RIVER ARABIAN ASSOC. championship horse show takes place from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

**Sunday, Sept. 20**

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL DAY WITH KNOTTY PINE ANTIQUES from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321.

**Wednesday, Oct. 28**

AGAWAM PARANORMAL PROGRAM at 6:30 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321

**ONGOING**

OPEN HOUSE TOURS at Storowton Village Museum, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, take place now through Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 and free for children under 6. For more information, call 413-787-0127.

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET is held every Thursday afternoon from 12:30 – 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 8. Free parking available. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, honey and bee products, maple syrup, goat meat and goats' milk products, relishes and jams, baked goods, forested pork, free range chicken and eggs, wine, hot cider donuts, and more. SNAP EBT cards accepted. A \$5 transaction will provide SNAP customers \$10 worth of credit.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

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AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

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## Agawam Senior Center

**Lunch Menu**

**Monday, Aug. 3:** Teryaki chicken over rice with Chinese vegetables, watermelon.

**Tuesday, Aug. 4:** Barbeque chicken, macaroni salad, corn on the cob, birthday cake.

**Wednesday, Aug. 5:** Zucchini tomato soup, turkey, tomato and Swiss melt on whole-wheat, mixed fruit.

**Thursday, Aug. 6:** Italian wedding pasta and meatball casserole, Caesar salad, pudding.

**Friday, Aug. 7:** Baked fish with beurre blanc sauce, rice pilaf, buttered spinach, Jell-O.

**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, Aug. 3:** 8 a.m., Chapter 2 trip to Mohegan Sun (see Art Usher), weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club, free hearing test with Ear Masters; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; No

Zumba Gold.

**Tuesday, Aug. 4:** 9 a.m., shuffleboard, summer exercise, S.H.I.N.E. (by appt.); 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg, ladies billiards, movie ("McFarland USA"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 5 p.m., COA trip to Tanglewood on Parade; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.

**Wednesday, Aug. 5:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Agawam Golden Agers Chapter 2; No Zumba Gold; 6 p.m., Western Mass. Genealogy; 7 p.m. School Street Park concert (Charlie Galvin Band).

**Thursday, Aug. 6:** 9 a.m., summer exercise; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch; 6:30 p.m., pitch, evening line dancing.

**Friday, Aug. 7:** 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art and art show set-up; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage.

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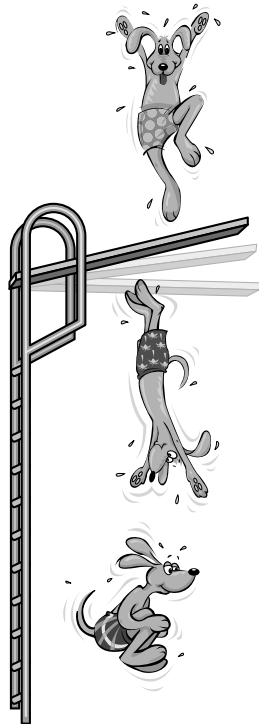
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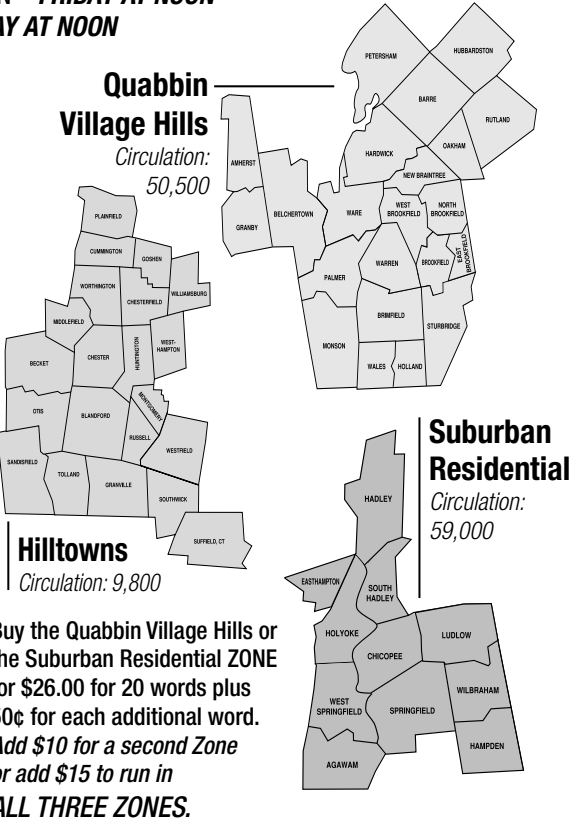
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FUNERAL ■ from page 1



Members of the Westfield American Legion wait for the funeral procession on Main Street.

if the alleged shooter Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez, could be linked to a foreign terrorist organization.

Sullivan was twice the recipient of the Purple Heart during his two tours of combat duty in Iraq. He was also the recipient of a Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Recruiting Ribbon, two Iraq Campaign Medals, five Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

He grew up in Springfield and attended Cathedral High School. His parents currently live in the neighboring town of Hampden.

Condolences have come from officials as high ranking as President Barack Obama, who said in a July 21 address, "Back in Massachusetts, Tom Sullivan cheered for his Boston teams. In battle, said a comrade, Sully 'was just everything that a Marine should be.' In two tours in Iraq, he earned a Combat Action Ribbon; for his wounds, two Purple Hearts. When he was warned that a gunman was there in Chattanooga, he ran in — so that others could live. Today we echo the words of his community: Gunnery Sgt. Thomas J. Sullivan 'was our hero and he will never be forgotten.' Thank you for protecting us."

Sullivan's funeral was in Holy Cross Church in Springfield, the church he had attended as a youth. A funeral procession, escorted by police and a veterans honor guard of motorcyclists, followed Sumner Avenue, the South End Bridge and Route 57 to Main Street in Agawam, which was closed to traffic between the highway and the veterans cemetery from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The 15-minute-long procession passed through Agawam about 1 p.m. and was followed by burial with full military honors at the veterans ceremony.

Sullivan's family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Soldier On, 421 N. Main St., Building 6, Leeds, MA 01201, or online at [www.wesoldieron.org](http://www.wesoldieron.org).

Tyler S. Witkop contributed to this report.



The flag at Agawam Fire Headquarters flies at half-staff on Monday in honor of Gunnery Sgt. Thoams Sullivan and the four other service members who died in the July 16 attack on a naval reserve center in Chattanooga, Tenn.



Shirley Rasmussen of Westfield sits with her granddaughters, Molly (left) and Mia Hastings of Agawam, as they wait for the funeral procession on Main Street. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



The Ponds and Piogga families, residents of Main Street in Agawam, hold up a flag in honor of Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Sullivan along with friends from the Bates, Cushing, Gingras and Pisano families.



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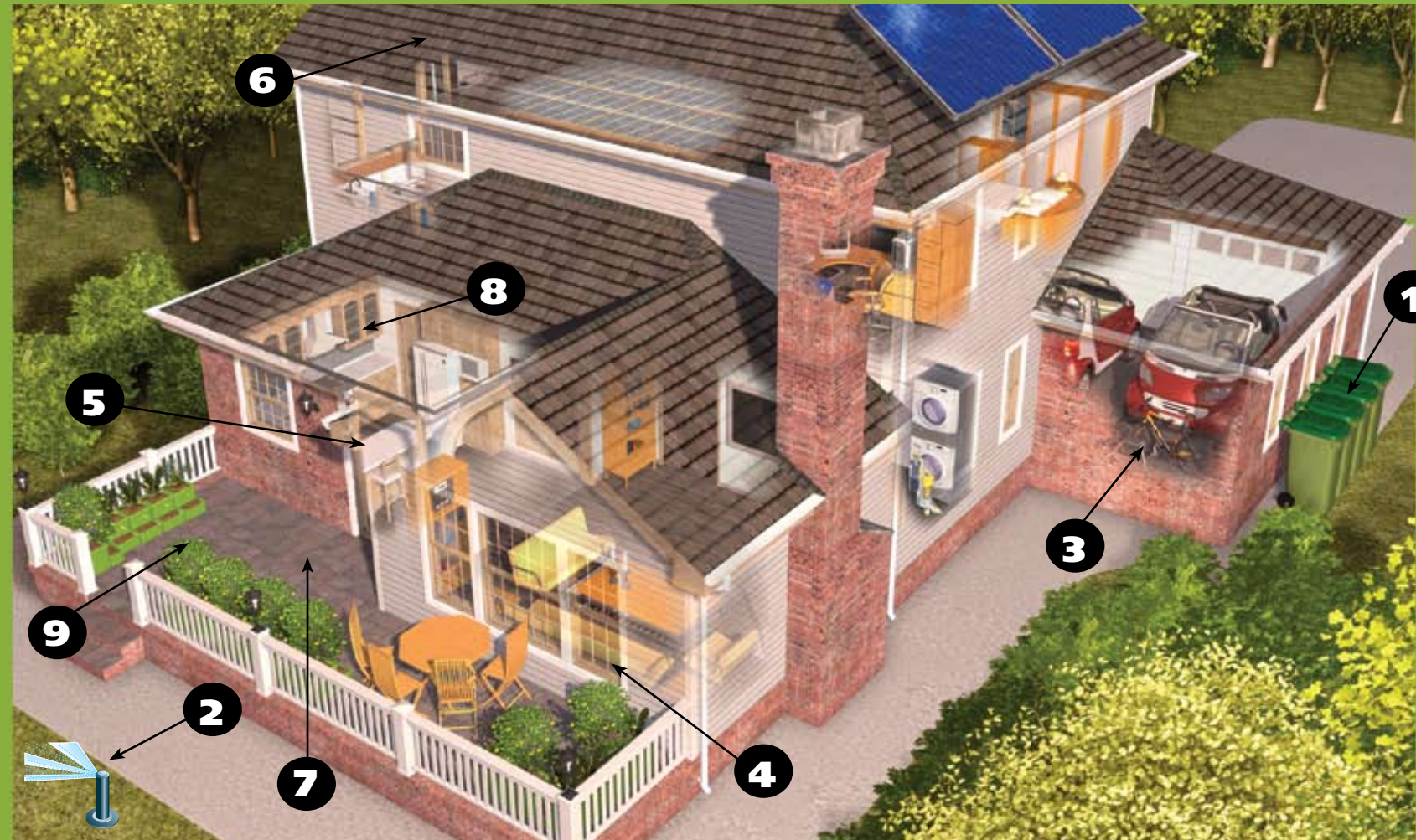
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